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LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 26 October 1984

1. [] phoned this morning with a tentative report on the security issue. He and the Embassy both have begun the search for alternate quarters. He says the Embassy is badly flapped and is not dithering over this affair as they usually do. They are now in discussions with the landlord who has asked for a phased withdrawal. He says if the Embassy is going to give up their apartments, and FBIS is going to follow, he will not remain in the building either. The Embassy will proceed with the planned perimeter defenses and has promised to dismantle them once the mission components have completely vacated the building. I told [] we were aware that there were few options for relocation in Nicosia and that he should not be too conservative in his thinking. He said this point had already come up. The landlord owns a piece of land [] and has suggested he build to our specifications. I said it would be important to develop some fairly solid cost figures as soon as possible; we had been talking about \$500,000 (so was he) but if we were going to have to double the figure we needed to know ASAP. He said it felt it would take a month to develop any useful information. He added that we had to plan for a perimeter wall. I said that was understood. []
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